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Through: Nancy Ward, Regional Administrator
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Subject: Request for Time Extension – Havasupai Tribe Flooding Event

Dear Ms. Zimmerman:

In accordance with 44 CFR § 206.36, I am requesting a 30-day time extension to request a major disaster declaration for the Havasupai Tribe due to severe flooding within the Supai Canyon on the Havasupai Reservation caused by a series of powerful storms on October 3-6, 2010.

During the incident period, heavy rains in the surrounding areas resulted in significant flooding in Cataract Creek on the Havasupai Reservation, and three major surges of water arrived in Supai Canyon. The surges caused severe damage to homes, bridges, campgrounds and trails, and threatened the safety and health of visitors, Tribal Members, and local residents. Due to the unsafe conditions that existed, 143 tourists were evacuated out of the Canyon. The main trail leading into the Village is no longer passable, and the delivery of supplies and routine services has been substantially affected. The economic impact is devastating. This same area was similarly affected in 2008, and the Tribe had not yet fully recovered from the public infrastructure and economic impacts of that event.

Initial reports reflect the costs associated with the devastating impact from the October 3-6, 2010 rain event far exceed federal per capita thresholds in impacts to public infrastructure. Based on the information we have received related to assessments of the impacts to homes, we may also meet criteria associated with such an isolated area. There are no roads to Supai Village, so the Reservation is only accessible via horseback, foot or chartered helicopter. Due to these limitations on access to the damaged area, state damage assessment teams need additional time to further estimate total public infrastructure impact and develop documentation regarding damage assessment. Therefore, in accordance with 44 CFR § 206.36, I am requesting a 30-day time extension to December 3, 2010 to submit a request for major disaster declaration for the impacts related to the canyon flooding on the Havasupai Reservation from October 3-6, 2010.

If you have any questions regarding this request for time extension, please feel free to contact Lou Trammell at 602-464-6203 Director for the Arizona Division of Emergency Management (ADEM) or Wendy Smith-Reeve, ADEM Assistant Director for Recovery at 602-464-6357.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Janice K. Brewer".
Janice K. Brewer
Governor